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RED SNAPPER COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL CLOSE AT NOON, AUGUST 7, 2003

NOAA Fisheries announces that the commercial fishery for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico Federal waters will close at noon, local time, on August 7, 2003, when the 2003 spring quota of 3.10 million pounds is projected to be reached. The spring season for red snapper began on February 1, 2003, and continues the first 10 days of each succeeding month until the landing quota is filled. The commercial fishery will remain closed until noon, local time, October 1, 2003. The operator of a vessel with a valid reef fish permit and a Class 1 or Class 2 red snapper license having red snapper aboard must have landed and sold such red snapper prior to noon, local time, August 7, 2003.

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